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SUBJECT: EXPLOSIONS AT EMBASSIES NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM

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11. (C) EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM WAS HIT BY A "HUGE" EXPLOSION AT 0340 EDT. THIRTY TO FORTY PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED TO THE NEARBY AID FACILITY. THERE ARE REPORTS OF INJURIES AND REPORTS OF THREE DEAD FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYEES. ALL OFFICIAL AMCITS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

12. (C) EMBASSY NAIROBI REPORTS TWO EXPLOSIONS AT 1045 LOCAL, 0345 EDT. THERE WERE MANY INJURED. ALL OFFICIAL AMCITS ARE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. THERE ARE FOUR PEOPLE REPORTED DEAD IN THE CHANCERY, INCLUDING CONFIRMED REPORTS OF ONE FSN. THE CHANCERY RECEIVED MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. THERE ARE REPORTS OF MANY DEAD IN THE AREA. A LARGE CAR BOMB IS THE SUSPECTED CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION.

13. (C) ALL POSTS ARE INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW AND HEIGHTEN SECURITY PROCEDURES IMMEDIATELY.

14. (C) REPORTING RELEVANT TO THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE SLUGGED FOR THE EAST AFRICA TASK FORCE (TFEA0L) UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AF.

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